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1. APPRECIATE MISSION'S PROMPT ACTION ON INITIATIVE FOR
STUDY OF IMPACT OF ECONOMIC TRENDS ON NATO - WARSAW PACT
BALANCE.

2. IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS REGARDING APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UP
TO STUDY, WE WOULD PREFER THAT MISSION AVOID GIVING
IMPRESSION AT THIS STAGE THAT WE HAVE REACHED CONCLUSIONS
AS TO FUNCTIONAL CHARACTER OF HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS WHO
MIGHT PARTICIPATE.

3. OUR PURPOSE IN PROPOSING STUDY IS, IN THE FIRST IN-
STANCE, TO ACHIEVE A HARMONIZATION OF VIEWS IN NATO ON THE
POLITICAL AND STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS OF ECONOMIC TRENDS.
APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UP WILL DEPEND ON RESULTS OF STUDY AND

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ECONOMIC/ENERGY SITUATION WHEN IT IS COMPLETED. SUCH

FOLLOW-UP COULD INCLUDE MEETING OF ECONOMIC OFFICIALS, BUT
IS MORE LIKELY IN OUR VIEW TO INVOLVE PRESENTATION OF CON-
CLUSIONS OF STUDY TO MINISTERS OR TO NAC REINFORCED BY
PRESENCE OF POLITICAL/STRATEGIC POLICY OFFICIALS
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